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1. On 6 May 1952, before a meeting of the section (Kontor) heads of DIA-Metall, Director (fnu) Bolling stated that under the terms of the just-resumed interzonal trade agreement (sic), the import section of DIA-Metall would purchase from the German Federal Republic:
 - rolled steel products worth 6,000,000 DM East
 - crude steel products worth 1,500,000 DM East
 - poured steel products worth 3,500,000 DM East (by DIA-Maschinenbau)Steel products urgently needed in the DDR and available in the Federal Republic were to be imported immediately, payment to be made in the normal way as under the terms of the former interzonal trade agreement.
2. At the regular Saturday morning DIA-Metall staff meeting on 3 May 1952, it was stipulated that the 1952 DIA-Metall procurement plan (Warenbewegungssplan) for about 300,000 metric tons of iron and steel products remains substantially unchanged; an exception is the additional planned import of 19,000 metric tons of seamless pipe. Taking into account new exchange rates between East and West, an increase in expenditures, not to exceed 16,000,000 Mark (a sum which includes the 19,000 tons of seamless pipe), is authorized in 1952 provided that the State Planning Commission is first consulted.
3. Herr (fnu) Elber, a Swiss citizen representing Commercio Trust, Vaduz, Liechtenstein, sells non-ferrous metals (Buntmetalle) produced in the German Federal Republic to DIA-Metall.

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